

Summer Activities for Kids

Younger Kids:

- * play with siblings, neighborhood kids – build an obstacle course or fort
- * camping, fishing, boating, cycling, swimming, go the beach
- * learn how to use a paddle board or kayak
- * go to the zoo, farm, splash park, day camp (a week at a time is plenty at this age)
- * play dates/swaps with other families
- * crafts – give them time to be creative
- * Reading Clubs at the library – they often have prizes for incentives
- * help in the garden, go berry picking together
- * plan a garden, explain zones (climate)
- * go for a picnic, do a playground tour in a larger centre - visit all the playgrounds and take a picnic! Invite other homeschool families. Do this annually
- * swimming lessons
- * arts and crafts camp
- * volunteer for or put your kids in Vacation Bible School (older kids can volunteer too)
- * do timed math work sheets to keep math facts sharp

Middle Age Kids:

- * pottery class
- * help with canning, go strawberry picking together
- * set up a tent in the backyard – let them play in it. Have the whole family sleep overnight
- * swimming lessons
- * join the Reading Club at the library
- * look for competitions your child might enjoy/prizes
- * camps

- * play math games
- * build a bird house
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- * research and start something new like sourdough, fermenting, sewing, build a go cart, learn how to fix bikes/ wood-working
- * volunteering at the town event, make a Float for a parade
- * take the babysitting course
- * join the Reading club at the library
- * look for competitions your child might enjoy/prizes
- * find summer classes of interest
- * go to camp for a week
- * get a tourist book of your province or area and visit some sites, do tours, go to museums & historical sites - forts are great for this!
- * learn new chores – painting, building, gardening, yard work
- * plan a party, including food and activities for kids
- * learn a new skill - roller blading, unicycle, etc. (look on marketplace to see if there's something for sale that might be a good new adventure!)
- * choose a classic book to read to your kids on a road trip or listen to an audio book
- * do history reviews, or encourage imaginative play based on historical events – ie: Harriot Tubman
- * spend time with grandparents - learn a skill from them, interview them or take them to a museum and see if they start telling stories about items they remember!
- * do timed math worksheets to keep math facts sharp
- * write a pen pal or sponsored child on a rainy day (Compassion offers to pair children to write to each other - especially good for sponsored kids who never receive letters from their sponsor - so whether you can afford to sponsor a child or not, your children can still write to a child close to their age in another country!)

Older Kids

- * babysitting
- * work 2 days a week, cut lawns for money
- * go to camp for a week/volunteer at camp
- * take 1-week summer classes of interest
- * continue learning new chores – painting, building, yard work
- * plan a garden/explain zones (climate)
- * plan a party, including food and activities for kids
- * if you're going on a vacation - plan to see historical sites or take in some museums in the area, take advantage of the different environment from a science perspective
- * encourage entrepreneurial pursuits for older children - mowing or pet walking business, etc.
- * look for apprenticeship opportunities where older children can volunteer
- * research and start something new like sourdough, fermenting, sewing, build a go cart, learn how to fix bikes, woodworking
- * get a summer job
- * work at camp all summer
- *work on getting drivers license
- * continue helping with chores
- * learn new chores
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